

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the claims:

1. (Currently amended) A process for making an antimicrobial, absorbent, medical pad, comprising a hydrophilic polyurethane sponge incorporating a disinfectant dye material, said process including the steps of submerging a hydrophilic polyurethane sponge into a solution of disinfectant dye comprised of gentian violet having a strength in the range of 1 to 3 percent, approximately 30cc of glycerin and approximately 450 cc of water for treating a sponge having a volume of approximately 256cc, squeezing entrained air bubbles out of voids in said sponge while submerged to maximize solution and dye incorporation; removing said sponge from said solution and drying ~~the~~ said sponge for producing said antimicrobial absorbent pad.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) The process in claim 1, wherein said ~~mixture is comprised of~~ solution includes approximately eight drops of gentian violet of one-percent strength.

7. (Currently amended) The process in Claim 1, wherein said sponge ~~with bound dye is provided with~~ secured to a transparent backing film comprised of water-impervious polyethylene bonded to ~~the~~ said sponge with a pressure sensitive adhesive (PSA) ~~with water-impervious polyethylene for creating "bedsore" sheeting.~~

8. (Previously presented) A medical pad including medicaments for treating, protecting and healing wounds, said pad being in the form of a foam sponge material constructed from polyurethane and

having hydrophilic properties, said pad having been treated with a solution comprised of a medicament, and a solvent therefor, said solvent including approximately 450 cc of water and approximately 30cc of glycerin for a pad having a volume of approximately 260cc, said medicament being comprised of approximately six to 10 drops of gentian violet having a strength in the range of 1 to three percent, and said water being removed from said pad for increasing absorbency thereof, whereby undesirable staining of skin, dressings, sheets and clothes is reduced or avoided during use of said pad.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (New) A medical pad as defined in claim 8 including a transparent backing film comprised of water-impervious polyethylene bonded to said sponge with a pressure sensitive adhesive.

12. (New) A process for making an antimicrobial, absorbent, medical pad, said pad comprising a hydrophilic polyurethane sponge incorporating as a disinfectant dye gentian violet, the process being characterized by the steps of: submerging said sponge and soaking it in a solution of disinfectant dye, glycerin and water, wherein for treating a polyurethane sponge with a volume of approximately 256cc (400 cm²x0.64cm), said solution contains either 8 drops of disinfectant dye of two-percent strength gentian violet, or between 6 and 10 drops of disinfectant dye of one-percent strength gentian violet, and approximately 30cc of glycerin, and approximately 450cc water; removing said sponge from said solution; squeezing the sponge to remove excess liquid; and air drying said sponge.